

FULTON GOES REPUBLICAN CHRISTMAS PARCELS

Entire County Ticket With Exception of Coroner Elected—Republican Congressman and State Senator—Fair Vote Polled In County—State Results Close

Tuesday was an ideal election day and the response of the citizens of Fulton County to the call to this charge of the duty of citizenship was fine. In spite of the absence of a thousand or more of the voters of the county absent on military or naval service, the vote polled was approximately five thousand in the county. The citizens of the county subscribed to their faith in the principles of the Republican party by giving good majorities to every Republican candidate on the ticket and the only Democratic candidate elected was Dr. A. M. Wilkins for coroner, he having no opposition.

WAR WORK SPEAKERS
Friday Nov. 8th at 3 o'clock in the court room at Wauseon, a Y. W. C. A. speaker, either State or National, will address the women of Fulton County. The speaker, who will give a short talk at 7:30 in the court room, followed by Mr. Carl Haliday, an over sea Y. M. C. A. worker, who will bring a thrilling message regarding the work as it is being carried on "Over There."

LIBRARY HOURS
The Wauseon Public Library will be open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week from 10 o'clock a. m. and from 6 to 8 o'clock p. m. until further notice.

VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA

William Nicholas Bixler Is the Name of Another Gold Star on Honor Roll of Fulton County—Died at Camp Custer Mich.—an—Spirit of Loyalty Manifest in His Life.

William Nicholas Bixler, son of S. H. and Lizzie Bixler was born near Swanton, Ohio, February 25th, 1890, and at Camp Custer, Mich. Creek, Mich., Oct. 19, 1918, aged 28 years, 7 months and 24 days. He was baptized in St. Stephen's Evangelical church, Sandusky, Ohio, Sept. 14, 1890 by Rev. Adolf Baltzer.

He entered the service of our country May 29, 1918 and was first sent to Columbus Barracks, Columbus, Ohio, for 18 days. He was later stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind., and afterward transferred to Camp Custer, Mich. He was inducted first into the infantry but later transferred to the light artillery. He had received his overseas equipment and expected to sail in about two weeks when he fell a victim to the epidemic of influenza now raging in our country. The influenza quickly developed into pneumonia which he died Saturday October 19th.

His body was escorted home by Serg. Frank Matthews of New York, who testified to the high esteem in which he was held by the members of his company.

His mother and sisters were with him during his last hours, having reached Camp Custer three days before his death.

He is survived by his parents, two sisters, Miss Katherine Bixler and Mrs. Olga King, one grandmother and many relatives and friends to whom the people of the community extend their sympathy.

Mr. Bixler was a true patriot, a competent soldier, a worthy representative of the nation that has come to the help of humanity in the present supreme crisis. In his devotion to his country he demonstrated a spirit of loyalty to the highest ideals. He was not permitted to strike a blow in behalf of the cause but in making the supreme sacrifice while in the service of his country he has won the honor and respect of all true Americans.

The funeral service was held at the home of the mother on Birch Street, Wauseon, Wednesday afternoon, October 23rd, conducted by Rev. C. F. Evans of the Christian church, and his body was laid to rest in a Swanston cemetery.

We are garlands of flowers, God's beauty and bloom, And the myrtle and ivy to lay on his tomb. Wrap round him "Old Glory" he loved so well to see; Our soldier has answered his last reveille. The bugle has sounded the notes of recall; In tenderest kept shall his memory be. Our soldier has answered the last reveille.

Card of Thanks
We desire to express our sincere thanks to all the kind friends and neighbors who by their words of sympathy helped us to bear our sorrow in the loss of our son and brother also to those who expressed their sympathy through the beautiful floral offerings and by helping in so many ways at the time of the funeral services. We wish also to express our appreciation of the comforting words of Rev. Evans and of the service of music so beautifully rendered.

Mrs. Lizzie Bixler
Miss Katherine Bixler
Mrs. Olga King

OBITUARY
Margaret Lenore, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wolf of Tedrow Ohio, was born Dec. 31st 1917, died Nov. 1st, 1918, aged 10 months and 1 day. Funeral services conducted by Rev. C. F. Evans of Wauseon were held Saturday morning at the home.

What a baby, do you ask?
Ah, it's the sweetest flower That ever grew in paradise, Or bloomed in Heaven's bowser. What entwines its tendrils close About parental hearts?
What awakens love anew And happiness imparts?
Ah, what doth bring immortal soul Closer to the Father's call?
Just our baby—Heaven's own.

Sleep and Rest.
One of the most common causes of insomnia and restlessness is indigestion. Take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper and see if you do not rest better and sleep better. They only cost a quarter.

COUNCIL MEETING NOT VENGANCE READING FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Cherry Street Walks—Ordinances to Levy Taxes To Pay Bonds for Repair of City Hall and Street Repair—Resolution Concerning Gas Rates—Various Repairs and Drunks

All members were present at the council meeting last Monday evening and after reading the minutes of the last regular meeting a long dock of business was taken up. Messrs. Wager and Perry of Cherry street were present to call the attention of the council to the fact that certain sidewalks on that street, long ago ordered built still remained unbuilt and that during bad weather were impassable. The council after inquiry and discussion passed a resolution declaring it necessary for the city to build sidewalks on that street and the clerk was instructed to notify the property owners that the city would proceed to build sidewalks at the expiration of fifteen days, the expense therefore to be charged against the property.

Finances consumed considerable time and attention; bills and other indebtedness to be paid and funds secured; however a way out was found to the financial legislation was accomplished by the passage of ordinances to levy taxes in order to pay principal and interest on bonds issued to pay for repair of City Hall and streets and repairing Shoop avenue and West Leggett.

Mr. J. A. Sloan manager of the Ohio Gas Light and Coke Co. was present and a resolution concerning the gas rates was passed. The resolution was "laid on the table" at the first meeting of the council in October was by vote of the council taken up for consideration. The resolution which gives the Gas Company permission to raise their rates to consumers 25 cents per thousand feet for a limited time, in order to enable the Gas Company to meet the increased prices in coal and labor and continue to give service during the present war time conditions; was after long discussion, passed by the council. The increased rate becomes effective December 1st and the first payment under the increase will be in January. The former discount of 10 cents per thousand will apply on the new rate and bills are to be paid on the 10th of each month. The period during which this high rate shall continue is left entirely to the discretion of the council and may be terminated at their will; it does not set aside the rate as established by the franchise of the Gas Company, but is purely a temporary arrangement calculated to meet the present emergency.

Draining conditions in the vicinity of the intersection of Oak and Clinton (Continued on page five)

LOYAL SERVICE RECOGNIZED

Since the beginning of the war Donald VanBuren, whom Wauseon knows as one of her best citizens, has been devoting his time and skill to helping the government in a very important way without compensation and without any great amount of public recognition or honor. His services have been recently recognized by the government and he has been assigned to special service in the Intelligence Corps of the U. S. Army at Chicago. This is certainly a well merited appointment and every one in Wauseon is proud of Mr. VanBuren and the service which he has and will render to the government; a service for which he is well fitted and which is essential to the present emergency as any other service on foreign or home soil. Mr. VanBuren expects to take his wife and son with him to Chicago.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Bureau of Prisoners' Relief American Red Cross have notified us, Lt. Johnson Darby Kenyon has been transferred from Rastatt to Karlsruhe, Germany. Evidently Darby is "seeing Baden" but we doubt very much as to his having ALL the "points of interest" called to his attention by the man with the megaphone. Darby would undoubtedly prefer the "Birds' eye view." He likes to look down on the scenery.

Is your Junior membership 100 per cent? This means: all schools, private public and parochial—organized Junior auxiliaries. The Lake (Continued on page four)

MESSAGES FROM ABSENT

The Boys Who Do Men's Work—From France And On The Way—What They Do and What They See But Always They Think of Home and The Folks Left Behind

HOW THEY CARE
The following letter from the nurse who cared for Leo Flory during his last illness at Camp Jackson, S. C. gives an illustration of how the boys who are in the cantonments are cared for and the skillful medical aid that is given them. It is published at the request of Leo's mother, Mrs. Sam Morningstar, that other mothers of boys who are in the cantonments of the country may be assured or comforted as she has been.

Camp Jackson, Oct. 29th, 1918.
Mr. Arthur H. Flory,
Wauseon, Ohio.
Dear Mr. Flory:

I am very sorry indeed that you had not received previous word of your brother's illness, as it is a rule in camp for the Ward Surgeon to send out each morning, a seriously ill card to the Adjutant's office, and they in turn immediately send word to the patient's people of his condition.

At the time of my letter he was a very sick boy, but he did not want me to scare his mother by telling her he was so very sick. He really did not know he was so bad. And I was hoping in a day or so he would be improved.

To start with he had influenza and an infected throat, which he cut out on a crystal while fixing his watch. This throbbed caused him a good deal of pain for several days, and the same time he was very sick to his stomach. In fact he could keep nothing down all thru his illness.

His influenza quickly developed into pneumonia, a very virulent type; it was very seldom one ever gets better from this type of infection. We were suspicious of meningitis but he was spared that much. He had the very best doctors and the very best medicine in the world. I think one evening he had ten or twelve in consultation at different times. He was given the very best medicine and the best nursing I have ever seen. If there had been one chance in a hundred I think he would have pulled thru, but he was one that God wanted so it had to be. He was the dearest boy and most patient I have ever taken care of; was perfectly conscious to the last, and I shall never forget those big blue eyes and his smiling face. No matter who or when the time, when asked how he felt, he would always answer with a smile on his face "I feel fine". Even when his pulse was gone, and it seemed so pathetic to me and in fact all the nurses felt the same way, he was still so cheerful and alert to everything. He knew he was going to die, that is about the last couple of hours.

I saw by his scampish around his neck that he was a catholic boy, and I naturally always take a personal interest in our catholic boys, being one myself.

I sent for Father Harley, our Chaplain, and he anointed him and prepared him for death. So long as he had a happy death and had the last sacrament that is the greatest consolation there is.

It seemed like he was such a darling boy that nurses and doctors and everyone who came in contact with him so you can feel sure that he was not neglected in any way. We try to be as kind and good to all the boys down here as we can, but you know and I am in a position to know, it seems to touch our hearts just a little bit more and this is the way your brother impressed us all. We all loved him and we all loved him.

Now Mr. Flory I have told you about all, but if there is anything else you would like to know, please write to me to feel free to write me about it and I will tell you as much as I know.

Asking God to bless you in your great sorrow I am
Sincerely,
Mary E. Lappin

RALPH HARMS TRUCK DRIVER
Dear Sister and family:
Well I am feeling fine and dandy and hope you are the same, it is quite nice here and it is a beautiful country, the buildings are very old fashioned with the cow stable right next to the parlor, do not see many horses here, all two wheeled carts and drawn by a couple of mules, they walk in front of them and lead them by the horns. I prefer a team of horses with a good harness on. The horses are all made of stone and cement, it sure is hard to understand these people and they can't understand us so we don't deal with them much. I don't know when I will be home, but will bring you some French money when I come home. I am living in tents, they are rather cool sometimes. I suppose Donald is going to school and I expect he is growing like a weed. I expect Helen is a big girl by this time and can walk and talk both by this time. Has Frank got any help or does he do his work alone. Well sister I am picked out for truck driver, will get more pay than a Private and I get a wheel on a little piece of cloth to sew on my overcoat, blouse and one shirt to show that I am a truck driver. We got our winter underclothes and wool socks the other day and believe me they are warm too. Do you ever hear from Raymond? I sure would like to see him. I would give a whole month's pay if I should ever happen to meet him but I don't suppose he will get over here or a while. I wish he would have been on the ship I came over on, sure as rock, my address, so I can write to me. From your brother
Private Ralph Harms
5th Corps Artillery Park
American Exp. Co. via N. Y.
A. P. O. 701

FROM LLOYD GRAF
Oct. 29th 1918.
Dear Mother:
I am on my way to Fort Hamilton N. Y. and it is certainly a great trip that I am taking. I am crossing the river now and have gone through several tunnels. When we go through a tunnel it is so dark that we can't see our hand before our eyes. I am now in Parkersburg; it is sure some large city. My but are the people cheer us soldier boys as we go past. They come out on their porches and wave the red, white and blue flag and even lots of auto stop and cheer us on and wish us good luck. It makes us boys feel good to think that the people do appreciate the cause that we are going for and I feel just like going right up in the front battle line and doing all in my power to help win this war. I expect about Thursday some time to see the coast, but I don't know for sure what I'll have to do when I get there. But I think probably that I'll be put in the artillery and on guarding the coast. Of course I am not sure. It may be that they are sending us there to go across soon, but I don't hardly believe that I'll get the chance to go (Continued on page five)

READING FOR OUR SOLDIERS

War Service of American Library Association—Making a Reading Army—Essentials of Soldiers' Efficiency—The Books They Need—After the War Ambitions.

In the world's work for November Frank Parker Stockbridge tells this story.

A lanky raw boned soldier stood studying the initials "A. L. A." on the table of a long low building in one of the southern cantonments, turning to his pal he said, "It's a mighty nice building the State of Alabama has put up here. Wonder if Mississippi ain't got such a building in camp."

That was a year ago. Today every soldier and sailor on this side of the water, on transports or overseas knows what "A. L. A." means just as he knows what Y. M. C. A. or K. of C. stands for.

In 1917 the American Library Association tried the experiment of offering reading to our soldiers and sailors. Now it's service has made our army a reading army, and our Camp Librarian puts it, and this reading is a serious phase of the soldiers preparation for war as it is for his return to peace. Some of the boys are trying to keep up College courses. Others during their spare time are "finishing themselves" with regard to the lines of work which they will pursue in civil life after the war.

Many people felt that the soldiers would have no time to read and that if they had they would only want fiction. Most of them have more leisure than they ever had before and the most pleasant way to spend an evening in camp is with a book. Much fiction has been given to the A. L. A. and while it is used, the soldiers are reading 20 per cent less fiction than civilians. They are insisting upon having books of a more serious sort.

War has become largely a matter of machines and the modern soldier's profession has as it's first essential to efficiency the knowledge of these machines. Camp librarians must include not only books on artillery and aviation, but signaling, technique of drilling, books on airplanes and gas engines, hydraulics, water works systems, plumbing electrical works, as well as books on diet, food stuffs, garbage disposal and road making. The soldiers also want to know of the country to which they are going, so books of French travel are popular. These books must be bought, for technical books must be up to date. An automobile mechanic, the camp sanitary engineer or the camouflage artist cannot use back number books.

Our young soldiers are ambitious, many of them qualify for promotion by study. Books in forty languages are to be found in Camp libraries here and overseas. Primers and first readers are in demand for men of every race in the great melting pot of the army are learning to speak and read English. Among these are not a few native born Americans who are being helped to learn to read.

Some ask "What will be done with the books when the boys come home?" Many of them will be worn out, many kept for use in the hospitals in France and England. It will take as long to get our men back as it has to get them overseas and many will be used in the enormous system of schools and universities which is being planned for the education of our soldiers during the period of demobilization, others will be returned to become a permanent part of the organization of the standing army of the U. S.

More books are needed. Many of these technical books cost four and five dollars. Publishers are generous, authors are giving their royalties, librarians are loaning books and we the public must do our share.

Lessons in beginning French given at reasonable rate. Florence H. Bennett 205 S. Fulton Street, Wauseon.

OHIO PATENTS

Patents granted to citizens of Ohio compiled by W. A. Redmond, Patent Attorney, Washington, D. C.

Robert H. Cowdrey, Cleveland, manufacture of forks.

W. L. Deming, Salem, flag staff Alexander J. Don, Cincinnati, tubular perforator.

James Humbley, Middleport, furnace for mold patterns.

Joseph W. Lukewitz, Perrysburg opening mechanism for doors, etc.

F. J. Patterson, Alliance, adding machine.

Francisco Skirill, Dayton, money changer.

Edward J. Von Pien, Dayton, ticket machine.

J. H. Wagenhorst, Akron, are light.

Alex Winton, Lakewood, lubricating mechanism for pins.

ENTERS RED CROSS SERVICE

Miss Lucy Sailer of Tedrow has entered the Red Cross Service and left Wednesday for Stewartsville, Ohio, to assist at that place in the influenza epidemic.

Miss Sailer has a brother in the army and felt she would like to do something herself for the Government. Too much praise cannot be given her for assisting the Government at this time as every nurse means a saving of many lives.

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